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FOREIGN REPORTS.

CHINA.

Plague-Infected Rat—Hongkong.

During the four weeks ended November 21, 1914, 7,285 rats were examined at Hongkong for plague infection. Of this number, 1 rat was found plague infected. The rat was taken during the week ended October 31, 1914.

Plague-Infected Rats—Shanghai.

During the two weeks ended November 28, 1914, 513 rats were examined at Shanghai for plague infection. Twelve plague-infected rats were found.

GREECE.

Typhoid Fever—Patras.

Referring to the reported presence of typhoid fever in Patras November 26, 1914 (Public Health Reports, Dec. 18, 1914, p. 3419), it has been further stated that on December 2, 1914, the number of cases of typhoid at Patras was estimated at 150 (population of city 40,000). It is believed that the city water has become contaminated. At places the water mains cross the sewers. The source of the city's water supply is a reservoir situated in the mountains behind the city and at a distance from the city of several miles. There are no settled residences in the drainage basin.

The question of the city water contamination is of interest, as passenger vessels calling at Patras and destined for American ports not infrequently take a supply of drinking water from that city.

MEXICO.

Smallpox—Tampico.

On January 7, 1914, smallpox was reported prevalent at Tampico among soldiers arrived from various parts of the Republic of Mexico.

NORWAY.

Sanitary Conditions, Year 1912.

From the Sundhetstilstanden og Medicinalforholdene, 1912.

The general sanitary condition of the Kingdom of Norway during the year 1912 was satisfactory. The total number of acute epidemic diseases was 172,053, or 71.9 per 1,000 inhabitants (in 1911, 160,512).

No case of typhus occurred in Norway during the year 1912. Typhoid fever continued to decrease in frequency of occurrence (from 0.32 in 1910, to 0.24 in 1911, and 0.20 per thousand in 1912). Cases of epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis increased considerably, notably in the city of Christiania. Acute anterior poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) appeared also in all the Provinces of the Kingdom, but the number of reported cases diminished from 1,820 in 1911 to 425 in 1912. Two cases of smallpox occurred in the city of Christiania. The origin of the infection was in Russia. The number of declared cases of scarlatina was the same as in 1911—2.1 per 1,000 inhabitants—while cases of diphtheria diminished slightly (2.6 to 2.4). The mortality from diphtheria was about 7.5 per cent (in 1911, 7.4 per cent). Whooping cough continued to be epidemic, but the number of reported cases continued to decline. The mortality for the year calculated on the estimated population (2,393,339) was 15.5 per thousand inhabitants. The total number of deaths was 32,219.

Vaccination was performed on 46,840 children.

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX.

Reports Received During Week Ended Jan. 15, 1915.¹

CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Austria-Hungary:				
Trieste.....	Nov. 15-21.....	5		
China:				
Nanking.....	.....do.....			Present.
Dutch East Indies:				
Celebes—				
Menado.....	Nov. 1-7.....	83	80	
Java—				
Batavia.....	Nov. 8-14.....	48	48	
Sumatra—				
Mengala.....	Nov. 1-7.....	5	2	
Indio-China.....				Jan. 1-Aug. 31: Cases, 259; deaths, 148. Aug. 1-31: Cases, 18; deaths, 15.
Cambodia—				
Pnum Penh.....	Aug. 1-31.....	1		
Cochin China—				
Baria.....	.....do.....	6	6	
Cholon.....	.....do.....	9	7	
Saigon.....	.....do.....	1	1	And vicinity, Nov. 17-23: Cases, 18; deaths, 10.
Laos—				
Pakse.....	.....do.....	1	1	
Philippine Islands:				
Manila.....	Nov. 15-28.....	9	4	
Russia:				
Moscow.....	Nov. 8-14.....		1	

¹ From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, and other sources.

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received During Week Ended Jan. 15, 1915—Continued.****PLAGUE.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
China: ¹ Canton.....				June 12-July 12: Cases, 325.
India: Karachi.....	Nov. 15-21.....	2	1	
Indo-China.....				Jan. 1-Aug. 31: Cases, 1,785; deaths, 1,413. Aug. 1-31: Cases, 155; deaths, 121.
Anam— Phanrang.....	Aug. 1-31.....	8	7	
Phanitet.....	do.....	4	1	
Cambodia— Pnum Penh.....	do.....	41	39	
Cochin China— Cholon.....	do.....	26	11	
Saigon.....	do.....	23	15	
Kouang-Tcheou-Wan.....	do.....	45	45	And vicinity Nov. 17-23: Case, 1.
Peru: Salaverry.....				Nov. 17-23: Cases, 2; deaths, 1. Dec. 14: Cases, 10 in hospital at Trujillo.

SMALLPOX.

Argentina: Rosario.....	Oct. 1-31.....		1	
Australia: New South Wales— Sydney.....				Nov. 20-26: Cases 11 in the Metropolitan area.
Queensland— Brisbane.....				Nov. 19, in Colmslie quarantine station, 1 case from s. s. Kano Na from Melbourne, via Sydney.
Austria-Hungary: Hungary— Fiume.....	Dec. 6-12.....	1		
Brazil: Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 22-Dec. 5....	152	37	
Canada: Quebec— Montreal.....	Dec. 28-Jan. 2....	1		
China: Hongkong.....	Nov. 22-28.....	1	1	
Newchwang.....				Nov. 22, present.
Shanghai.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 6....	4	10	Deaths among natives.
Great Britain: Liverpool.....	Dec. 19.....	1		
Mexico: Aguascalientes.....	Dec. 14-27.....		4	
Chihuahua.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 5....	6	4	
Mazatlan.....	Dec. 9-22.....	7	2	
Monterey.....	Dec. 14-20.....		2	
Salina Cruz.....	Nov. 1-7.....	1		
Tampico.....	Dec. 30.....			Prevalent among the military.

¹ From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Dec. 9, 1914.

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received from Dec. 26, 1914, to Jan. 8, 1915,****CHOLERA.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Austria-Hungary:				
Austria.....				Total, Oct. 18-Nov. 21: Cases,
Lower Austria—				2,706; deaths, 754.
Vienna.....	Oct. 18-Nov. 21...	285	31	
Hungary.....				Total, Oct. 18-Nov. 14: Cases,
Dutch East Indies:				1,558.
Celebes—				
Menado.....	Oct. 18-31.....	168	160	
Java—				
Batavia.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 7....	220	220	
Sumatra—				
Mengala.....	Oct. 18-24.....	60	47	
Palembang.....	do.....	62	49	
India:				
Bombay.....	Nov. 1-7.....	5	1	Not previously reported.
Calcutta.....	Oct. 25-31.....		4	
Do.....	Nov. 1-14.....		17	
Madras.....	Nov. 8-21.....	114	79	
Rangoon.....	Sept. 1-30.....	1	1	
Indo-China:				
Saigon.....				And vicinity—Nov. 3-16: Cases,
				4; deaths, 3.
Japan.....				Total, Jan. 1-Oct. 4: Cases, 5;
				deaths, 4.
Kyoto fu.....	Oct. 1-31.....	1	1	
Philippine Islands:				
Manila.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 14...	9	3	
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Sept. 27-Oct. 31...		5	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Oct. 4-10.....	1	1	

YELLOW FEVER.

Venezuela:				
Caracas.....	Dec. 31.....	2		

PLAGUE.

Brazil:				
Bahia.....	Nov. 16-Dec. 5....	8	6	
Rio de Janeiro.....	Jan. 5.....	1		
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 22...	12	13	
Egypt:				Total Jan. 1-Nov. 28: Cases, 218;
Alexandria.....	Nov. 5-28.....	1	1	deaths, 110.
Port Said.....	Oct. 22.....	6	2	
India:				
Bassein.....	Jan. 4-Oct. 17....	11	7	Not previously reported.
Bombay.....	Nov. 1-14.....	3	1	
Karachi.....	Nov. 8-14.....	1	1	
Rangoon.....	Sept. 1-30.....	72	66	
Indo-China.....				
				Saigon and vicinity, Nov. 3-16:
				Cases, 2.
Libya (Tripoli).....				Present in Derna and Marsa-
				Susa, among native laborers.
Persia:				
Azerbaijan—				
Belessavar.....	Oct. 31.....			Present.
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Sept. 27-Oct. 31...		1	
Turkey in Asia:				
Bagdad.....	Nov. 1-17.....	2	1	
Zanzibar.....	Oct. 25-31.....	2	3	

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received from Dec. 26, 1914, to Jan. 8, 1915—Continued.****SMALLPOX.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Arabia:				
Aden.....	Nov. 5-18.....	1	3	
Australia:				
New South Wales— Sydney.....	.....	.....	.....	Total Nov. 13-19: Cases, 7 in the metropolitan area and 2 in the country districts.
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 1-14.....	215	71	
Canada:				
Ontario—				
Sarnia.....	Dec. 13-19.....	1	.....
Toronto.....	Dec. 6-19.....	3	.....
Quebec—				
Quebec.....	Dec. 13-19.....	2	.....
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 7....	21	3	
China:				
Shanghai.....	Nov. 9-15.....	1	8	Deaths among natives.
Dutch East Indies:				
Borneo.....	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 19-24: Cases, 112; deaths, 44, mainly in Pontianak.
Java.....	.....	.....	.....	In the western part, including Batavia, Oct. 18-24: Cases, 807; deaths, 119.
Batavia.....	Oct. 18-24.....	30	10	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 10-Dec. 2....	17	2	
France:				
Paris.....	Nov. 15-21.....	2	2	
Great Britain:				
Cardiff.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 5....	5	.....
Greece:				
Patras.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 6....	.....	8	Dec. 6: Epidemic.
Saloniki.....	Nov. 15-21.....	12	6	
India:				
Bombay.....	Nov. 1-21.....	9	4	
Calcutta.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 14....	.....	12	
Madras.....	Nov. 1-21.....	4	3	
Japan.....				Jan. 1-Oct. 31: Cases, 450; deaths, 102.
Nagasaki ken.....	Oct. 1-31.....	25	4	
Taiwan.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 7....	7	.....
Mexico:				
Aguascalientes.....	Dec. 7-13.....	.....	2	
Chihuahua.....	Dec. 15-21.....	6	2	
Juarez.....	Dec. 4.....	.....	.....	Prevalent.
Vera Cruz.....	Dec. 1-13.....	.....	2	Jan. 5: Epidemic.
Norway:				
Christiansand.....	Nov. 1-30.....	7	2	Including report, vol. 29.
Stavanger.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 5....	1	.....
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	Nov. 22-Dec. 5....	5	.....
Russia:				
Petrograd.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 21....	93	26	
Spain:				
Barcelona.....	Nov. 22-Dec. 4....	.....	10	
Madrid.....	Nov. 1-30.....	.....	4	
Valencia.....	Nov. 15-28.....	44	4	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Oct. 10-17.....	2	1	
Switzerland:				
Basel.....	Nov. 7.....	5	.....
Turkey in Asia:				
Beirut.....	Nov. 1-21.....	14	6	
Haifa.....	Nov. 2-8.....	2	1	